

ASA HASTINGS.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 829.]

JUNE 13, 1860.

Mr. FENTON, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Asa Hastings, of Horicon, New York, report:

That from the petition and evidence in this case it appears that petitioner was a private in Captain Charles S. Toby's company, 21st regiment United States infantry, enlisted March 8, 1813, for during the war, and was honorably discharged from Captain Ira Drew's company, at Sackett's Harbor, New York, on the 24th of May, 1815; that while he was in said service, under Captain Loring and General Pike, at the blowing up of Little York, about the 27th of April, 1813, he received an injury by means of a stone, which struck him in the abdomen and threw him on his face to the ground, and that on or about the 27th of May following, while carrying turf to build batteries at Fort Niagara, he received another injury in the same place, in addition to the one above mentioned, which has remained upon him ever since. After his first injury he was able to perform light garrison duty only; but after the second he was sent to the hospital, and remained there about eighteen months. His company roll for December, 1813, shows that he was "sick at Sackett's Harbor;" and on said roll to June 30, 1814, he is noted "left sick at Brownsville general hospital." Since his discharge from the army he has been more than three-fourths disabled from obtaining his subsistence by manual labor in consequence of said injuries; and for the last ten years he has been and now is almost wholly disabled, and his present disability is the result of the aforesaid injuries. He applied for a pension in 1851, but failed to make the strict proof required at the Pension office. The evidence consists of the affidavits of Joseph Pike, David Fowler, and Thomas D. Morrison, soldiers in the war of 1812, who were in a situation to know the facts to which they have testified, and although there is some discrepancy in the statements of the witnesses and petitioner as to the cause of his second injury, they all

agree in the main point that he was injured while in the service, as above stated. Twelve citizens of Warren county, New York, where petitioner resides, certify that they believe him to be a man of truth and veracity, and a member of the Wesleyan Methodist church, in good standing. Isaac Hill, Rufus Davis, Homer Davis, Milo Davis, and Horace B. Taylor, also corroborate the petitioner's statements; prove him to be a man of temperate habits and a worthy citizen. Mr. Taylor (in 1857) states that since his acquaintance with petitioner, and for more than twenty years, he has been afflicted with a hernia of large size and has worn a truss; and Surgeons Alfred Mallory and Mrs. M. W. Prichard, of Warren county, New York, regular practicing physicians and surgeons, and reputable in their profession, certify, under date of November 27, 1851, that petitioner "is affected with an inguinal or scrotal hernia, the contents of which seem to be principally a portion of bowel called hernia intestinallis, and is not able to get his living by labor, but his disability amounts to three-fourths." The committee report a bill allowing a pension of six dollars per month from the date of his petition, and recommend its passage.